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THE Duke of Marlborough's LETTER To the Parliament.

HIS Grace the Duke of *Marlborough* has done such eminent and Signal Service to the Government, ever since he was Honoured with his Mighty Commission of General of Her Majesty's Forces, that 'twould fill a large Volume, to Enumerate the Particulars: Therefore am forced to leave those large Encomiums to our Greatful Historians, who do doubt will discharge their Duty in Recording his Fame to Posterity.

But since the late Campaign has been so Remarkable and Surprising in severa' wonderful Particulars, we are obliged out of a grateful Sense for so Eminent a Person of our Native Country, to Hint at some of the many Services he perform'd in *Flanders* the last Year, to the Glory of great *Britain* in particular, and all *Europe* in General.

As for Instance, the Famous Battel, and Glorious Victory that his Grace obtain'd over the Numerous French Army at *Odinard*, commanded by a Prince of the Blood of France, and afterwards by his wise Conduct and unparallel'd Bourage, form'd the Siege of *Lisle*, and after a Thousand Difficulties, took that strong almost Impregnable City and Fortrefs from the French, while the Flower of their Army were Eye Witnesses of it, without striking a Stroke.

And afterwards by a tedious, difficult, but swift and successful March, forced the French Army to their Eternal Shame, from Intrenchments of Two Months Labour, from the *Scheld*, and thereby not only rais'd the Siege of *Brussels* (then in great distress) but soon after reduced the Cities of *Ghent* and *Bruges* to the obedience of their Lawful Sovereign; These Happy and Wonderful Services perform'd for the Honour of his Queen and Country has merited the Thanks of the House of Commons, which was Transmitted, to his Grace by their Honourable Speaker, who having received the same at *Brussels* on the 12th of February N. S. was pleased the very next Day to return this Answer following, viz.

SIR,

Brussels, February 13. 1709.

I Am extreamly sensible of the great Honour which the House of Commons have done me in the Vote you have been pleased to transmit to me by their Order: Nothing can give me more Satisfaction, than to find the Services, I endeavour'd to do the Queen and my Country, so receptable to the House of Commons: And I beg the Favour of you to assure them, I shall never think any Pains or Perseverance too great, if I may (by God's Blessing) be instrumental in procuring a Safe and Honourable Peace for Her Majesty and my Fellow Subjects. I am with Truth, Sir, Your most faithful Humble Servant,

MARLBOROUGH.